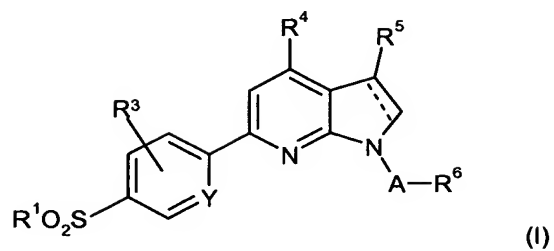


ABSTRACT

Compounds of formula (I)



or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof are potent and selective inhibitors of COX-2 and are of use in the treatment of the pain, fever and inflammation of a variety of conditions and diseases.